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MCWILLIAMS' PARTY BREAKING UP

His Defeat in Primaries and Commitment
to Bellevue Are Followed by Wild Scene
at Destiny Party Headquarters

On September 17 Joseph E. McWilliams, fuehrer of the American Destiny Party, was overwhelmingly defeated in the primaries for the Republican nomination for Representative from the 18th Congressional District. On September 18 Magistrate Edgar Bromberger committed McWilliams to Bellevue Hospital for mental observation, when he appeared in court for sentencing on a disorderly conduct charge. On September 19, chaos came to McWilliams' Destiny Party headquarters at 1591 Second Avenue, New York.

The nerves of the Destiny Party members had been frayed both by their leader's defeat and by his consequent commitment to Bellevue. On the morning of September 18, accusations began to fly among McWilliams' followers; even the most trusted members of the strongarm squad, initiates of the exclusive Knights of the Dagger (see *The Hour* for September 17), started denouncing one another as spies. After words, fists flew. The first casualty was Joseph Leveque, violent anti-Semitic street orator, who himself received a court sentence a few months ago on charges of disorderly conduct. One of McWilliams' most capable bodyguards, known as "Ernie," went for Leveque. Leveque was soon stretched out on the floor, with a broken nose.

In no time the Destiny Party offices were something of a shambles. The following members of the Party walked out in disgust, saying they were not coming back: James Stewart, key lieutenant to McWilliams; Jim Aiken (alias Nelson), chief bodyguard of McWilliams and petty racketeer; James Downey, the Naziphile who on August 30 was fined fifty dollars and received a fifteen-day sentence (later suspended) for having shouted anti-Semitic insults at a public meeting.

The losses suffered by Joseph McWilliams in the last few weeks are considerably greater than the departure of the few individuals mentioned above. Backers whom he had interested in his fascist movement are rapidly deserting his cause. A few, like Henry George Curtiss, remain with him -- but only in name (see page 4 of this issue). The little empire of the Jew-baiting egocentric appears to be crumbling.

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UKRAINIAN FASCISTS TROUBLED

At a confidential meeting of the board of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association held this last week at 83 Grand Street, Jersey City, the conversation centered around the disclosures made by The Hour concerning the activities of various fascistic Ukrainian-American groups and individuals (see The Hour for July 27, August 19, and September 14). Particular attention was paid to the facts this newsletter had revealed about certain members of the Control Commission of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association. Copies of this publication were passed around for the benefit of those who had not yet seen them. The question was raised: what can be done about such stories in The Hour?

After considerable discussion, it was decided that any action against The Hour would be inadvisable, since this publication seemed "to know too much." The suggestion, however, was made that the Association's newspaper, Svoboda, carry an article severely reprimanding us for the stories we had published.

Gestapo Agent as Correspondent

In passing, it is perhaps of interest to mention the latest foreign correspondent writing for this same Svoboda. He happens to be an officer of the Gestapo, stationed at Geneva, Switzerland. His name is Nicholas Trotzky, and he is a native of the Ukrainian province of Volhynia. His Svoboda articles, anti-Soviet and subtly pro-Hitler, are signed under the assumed name of "Volhynski."

ODWU Fund Campaign

A further result of The Hour's exposes about Ukrainian fascists is that the ODWU has started a drive to collect funds "for the defense of the good name of the Ukrainians in America." On September 17, the progressive Ukrainian-language paper Narodna Volya of Scranton, Pennsylvania, attacked the ODWU for this fund drive and pointed out that, as The Hour had stated, the vast majority of Ukrainian-Americans were anti-fascist and consequently anti-ODWU. The Narodna Volya added that these pro-democratic Ukrainian-Americans desired no protection of their "good names" such as the ODWU might provide. Of course, it is clear the ODWU is not concerned with any defense of the anti-fascist Ukrainian-Americans. Just the opposite is true. The purpose of the funds being raised is to aid the work of the ODWU.

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BUCHKO CRITICIZED BY HIS SUPERIOR

Word reaches The Hour that Bishop Constantine Bohachewsky of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese in Philadelphia has strongly reprimanded Monsignor Buchko for the latter's political activities (see The Hour for July 27) and for his declaring that the fascistic ODWU represents "the flower of the Ukrainian nation." This colorful characterization of the pro-Hitler organization was credited to Buchko by an ODWU journalist, Roman Lapioa. Lapioa interviewed Buchko shortly after the priest's arrival in New York and quoted him as making the remark to which Bishop Bohachewsky objected. In defending himself, Buchko is said to have told the Bishop he had not given an interview to Lapioa, that he had merely indulged in a "private conversation" with the journalist without suspecting his observations would find their way into print.



It is of interest that shortly after this "private conversation," Roman Lapica visited the offices of The Hour and boasted of his interview with Buchko. With him he brought the detailed story of the interview. That story is now in the files of The Hour.

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DEMOCRATIC UKRAINIAN-AMERICANS

The editor of a prominent Ukrainian publication writes to The Hour: "Permit me to extend my compliments to you for making a real distinction in your July 27 and August 10 issues between Ukrainian-Americans as a body on the one hand and the small Nationalist ODWU group on the other. Not all journalists always bother to make such distinctions, and thereby antagonize those scores of thousands of Ukrainian-Americans who, as pointed out by your bulletin, are anti-Nazi, anti-ODWU and definitely democratic. It is my sincere hope and wish that The Hour will continue to draw a line between Ukrainian-American society and a few of its black sheep."

Needless to say, The Hour will continue to distinguish between the small pro-Nazi clique and the vast pro-democratic majority of Ukrainian-Americans.

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U. S. FASCIST URGES MEXICAN GRAB

"SEIZE MEXICO NOW!" is the title of the front-page article in the latest issue of the American Bulletin, weekly newsletter edited and published by the highbrow-fascist Henry George Curtiss. Curtiss, in making this proposal, follows closely in the footsteps of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Father Charles E. Coughlin, Senator Robert Reynolds, and William Dudley Pelley.

In October 1939, the Lone Eagle of American aviation, who in this venture was definitely not alone, urged U. S. "expansion" toward the south. "This Western Hemisphere is our domain," he said and elaborated on ways in which its complete acquisition could be assured. Early in 1940 Senator Reynolds, whose baiting of aliens is neatly combined with plans for stealing their land, demanded that Mexico be forced to cede to the United States the Mexican peninsula of Lower California (see The Hour for April 27). Coughlin endorsed the Reynolds plan. Pelley put the matter more bluntly when he said that the seizure of Mexico "is a good idea to play with ... Business is Business!"

Henry Curtiss is no less frank than Pelley. In the American Bulletin issue referred to above, he observes:

"Mexico is a land of 763,944 square miles. It has a population of 19½ millions. It is an area rich in oil, silver, coal, copper, lead and other mineral deposits. It has great timberlands. The thick soil that covers its millions of acres of farmland is as fertile as any in the world. ... If the ripe apple must fall to some one, why shouldn't it fall to the United States? Possession of Mexico would add a greatly needed link to the iron chain of American continental defense."

Mexico As Another Spain

Curtiss feels that in Mexico the United States should play the same role that Germany and Italy played in Spain; that is, while giving help to an armed insurrection, this country can take over control of its southern neighbor. As Curtiss points out, a General Franco already exists in Mexico, ready to lead the insurrection; his name, General Juan Andreu Almazan.

Concerning Almazan's overwhelming defeat in the recent elections, Curtiss remarks, "Although it was generally conceded that Almazan won the election, the government announced that Camacho had been elected before even counting the votes." This, of course, is the same propaganda tale that is being spread by the various Almazan agents active in this country, as well as by those U. S. oil interests that are backing the fascist general.

Curtiss Alias Gaede

Henry Curtiss, one of whose hobbies has been supporting the Christian Mobilizer chieftain Joseph E. McWilliams, is a neurotic, well-to-do and highly egotistical fascist of the Seward Collins school. His real name is Henry Gaede. A graduate of Antioch College (see *The Hour* for April 6), he likes to associate with the "intellectuals" of the native fascist movement, such as Lawrence Dennis. His contacts, however, are not limited to American fascists. He has worked with Nazi agents also. Before he began publishing his *American Bulletin*, he was one of the key figures in the pro-Hitler *American Nationalist Party*. He cooperated closely with Mrs. Tellian, when she was New York correspondent for Julius Streicher's *Der Stuermer*.

Fascists Behind the Scenes

Henry Curtiss, Seward Collins and Lawrence Dennis have for some time pictured themselves as the brains of U. S. fascism, as men who would remain behind the scenes and guide an American Fuehrer of their choosing. Many meetings have been held at Collins' bookshop at 231 West 58th Street, to discuss the question of leadership for the fascist movement in this country. Up until a short time ago, Curtiss was sure McWilliams was the right man. But now he has become disillusioned in this handsome fanatic. Although he still gives McWilliams considerable publicity in the *American Bulletin*, he has decided that this petty fuehrer has not the makings of an American Hitler. To his friends Curtiss today confides, "Mac's too damn eccentric. He's got no political sense. And he just won't take orders any more." Reaching this conclusion has been painful for Curtiss. He had high hopes for McWilliams. But in the near future he will probably withdraw all support from his recent candidate for U. S. Fuehrership. Somewhat sadly, he is casting about for a new protégé.

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NEW YORK TO NEBRASKA

Regular recipients of *The Individualist*, anti-Semitic and pro-fascist publication of Lincoln, Nebraska, were surprised to find their most recent copies accompanied by a bulletin from New York City. This bulletin, entitled "The Present Crisis," was issued by the highly reactionary League For Constitutional Government, the headquarters of which are at 18 East 48th Street, New York. It appears that the well-known anti-Semite John B. Snow, Director of the League, is entering into a close collaboration with Charles W. Phillips, editor of *The Individualist*.